(b) if so, what steps are proposed to remedy the situation and by when decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) CGHS can empanel only those private hospitals as are willing to be empanelled and are agreeable to terms and conditions and the package rates that emerge on the basis of tenders floated by CGHS. Private hospitals are required to quote their rates for various procedures. The last tender that was notified was in 2004 and revised package rates on the basis of the response to this tender came into effect from 2006-07.

In respect of rates for treatment of cancer, it was found that the rates that emerged from out of the tender process of 2004 were substantially lower than the rates in vogue from 2001-02. Consequently, most cancer hospitals refused to accept the revised rates. In order not to deprive the CGHS beneficiaries the treatment for cancer related illness, it was decided to permit CGHS beneficiaries to get treatment in any hospital providing treatment for cancer and get reimbursement at 2001-02 rates.

When the CGHS initiates action to revise rates for all procedures, it is hoped that a realistic package rate will emerge for cancer treatment.

AGMARK certification to horticulture products

*220. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the agency that gives AGMARK certification to horticulture products;

(b) how is any horticulture product selected for the AGMARK certification;

(c) how many horticulture products have been certified so far as AGMARK;

(d) whether the certification of any horticulture product covers all the varieties of these products irrespective of regional variants; and

(e) how does Government propose to involve the State Government agencies in the certification process?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) AGMARK Certification to all Agriculture products including horticulture products is given by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI) in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, approved State Grading laboratories, approved commercial laboratories and authorized packers under the provisions of Agricultural Produce (Grading & Marking) Act, 1937.

(b) Commodities are selected on the basis of demand from trade, on the basis of commercial utilization or consumer interest in domestic as well as international market.

(c) DMI has notified grade standards of 43 fruits and vegetables, 23 spices and 07 other horticulture commodities. The details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). All these

commodities can be certified under Agmark. However, the certification is voluntary. 23 horticulture commodities are being certified under Agmark for domestic market and 08 for exports. The details are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Rule 8 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1988 provides for approval of State Grading Laboratories (SGL) to provide for certification of agricultural commodities including horticulture commodities. 111 SGLs have been approved in 19 States for this purpose.

Statement-I

List of horticultural commodities for which Grade Standards have been notified under the Provisions of Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937

(a) Fruits and vegetables

1. Apples
2. Litchi
3. Banana
4. Pomegranate
5. Grapes
6. Ribbed Celery
7. Mango
8. Headed Cabbages
9. Pineapple
10 Brussels sprouts
11 Plums
12 Tomatoes
13 William Pears
14 Papayas
15 Oranges
16 Shelling Peas
17 Lemons
18 Sugar Snap Peas
19 Sweet Limes
20 Spinach
21 Sour Limes
22 Canned/Bottled Fruits & Fruit Products
23 Strawberries
24 Grape fruits
25 Cherries
26 Table Potato
27 Melons
28 Seed Potato
29 Watermelon
30 Onions
31 Beans
32 Mushrooms (Dried edible)
33 Cauliflowers
34 Pears
35 Kinnow Oranges
36 Okra
37 Guavas
38 Chilies
39 Capsicum
40 Sapota
41 Custard apple
42 Gherkins
43 Carrots

(b)	**Spices**	16	Mixed Masala
1	Chilies	17	Garlic
2	Fennel	18	Clove
3	Turmeric	19	Ginger
4	Fenugreek	20	Mace
5	Cardamom	21	Coriander
6	Pepper	22	Large Cardamom
7	Celery seed	23	Caraway and Black Caraway
8	Seedless Tamarind	(c)	**Other Horticulture Commodities**
9	Cumin	1.	Areca nuts
10	Sundried raw mango slices	2.	Walnuts
11	Poppy Seed	3.	Cashew Nuts & Kernels
12	Ajowain	4.	Papain
13	Nutmeg	5.	Tapioca sago (sabudana)
14	Saffron	6.	Cocoa beans
15	Tejpat	7.	Amla Dried and Powder.

Statement-II

List of Horticulture commodities being certified under Agmark

(a)	**For domestic market.**		
1.	Ajwain	17.	Turmeric
2.	Black pepper	18.	Compounded Asafetida
3.	Cardamom	19.	Nutmeg
4.	Chilli	20.	Mace
5.	Clove	21.	Mixed Masala
6.	Coriander	22.	Mangoes
7.	Cumin seed	23.	Onion
8.	Dry ginger	(b)	**For exports.**
9.	Fennel	1.	Grapes
10.	Fenugreek	2.	Onion.
11.	Grapes	3.	Pomegranate
12.	Orange	4.	Walnuts
13.	Poppy seed	5.	Turmeric
14.	Seedless tamarind	6.	Cardamom
15.	Table potatoes	7.	Dry ginger
16.	Tapioca sago	8.	Black pepper